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Between 7 and 10 September 1953, the Tauntzien Kaserne in Stendal was occupied by about 200 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets.

The Hindenburg Kaserne quartered a rear detail of about 60 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

At 10:30 a.m. on 13 September, a train of 6 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 boxcar with ammunition, an undetermined number of flatcars with 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 21 flatcars with sideracks with trucks

en route toward Tangermunde where it was unloaded. At 12 p.m., a train of 1 boxcar with troops and 48 flatcars with sideracks carrying 10 M-13 rocket launchers and trucks with covered numbers drove toward Wittenberge.²

1. Comment. Compared with a report of early August by the same source, both barracks installations were occupied at the beginning of September as was observed before. The troops in the Tauntzien Kaserne presumably are elements of the 977th Indep Sig Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps.

2. Comment. The AAA shipment, which possibly came from Wustrow, is believed to have been a unit of the 3d Gds AAA Div

The unit is assumed to have held a field exercise in the area of Tangermunde prior to their return to Magdeburg. The rocket launchers presumably belong to a rocket launcher unit of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which returned from firing practice at Altengrabow.

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